

Hon. Sir,

London Feb: 29: 1776.

The last time I had the pleasure of writing <sup>you</sup> it was from Quebec; I then but little expected to be in London at this time, but the success of the Provincial Troops in the upper part of the Province of Canada, threw the town of Quebec into some confusion & rendered the projects of the adherents to the Royal cause precarious, my Brother & self were loading a Ship for Ireland we tho' it best to ship our whole effects & to embark ourselves & as the Office of Government had occasion to send dispatches to England, our Vessel was order'd to Bristol we sail'd Nov: 22: I arrived Dec: 24: having an agreeable passage —

It has given me much concern to find the Inhabitants of Boston have so many difficulties to contend with, tho' by our last advices they seem to have abated as soon as my father arrived he procured some Provisions to send you, but the extreme hard & long frost has retarded the Ship of them, I hope it will be but a few days before the Vessel sails & that they will arrive to you very seasonably — The unhappy contest, that subsists & the height to which it is arrived restrains me from saying any more



of a publick nature, you will learn by the Gentlemen of the  
Army that <sup>the</sup> force by Sea & Land that is to be employed the  
ensuing season is exceeding great; Lord Howe is to have the  
command of the Fleet, & his Brother to be continued in the  
command of the Army, Gen: Burgoyne is going to Canada  
for which place my Brother & self are to embark in April  
to try our fortunes once more —

By the last Ships you send us an acco: of  
a repulse that the Provincials have met with near Quebec  
we have no other acco: but what comes from your quarter  
it is generally believed here, but some circumstances attend  
it, which make a confirmation desirable —

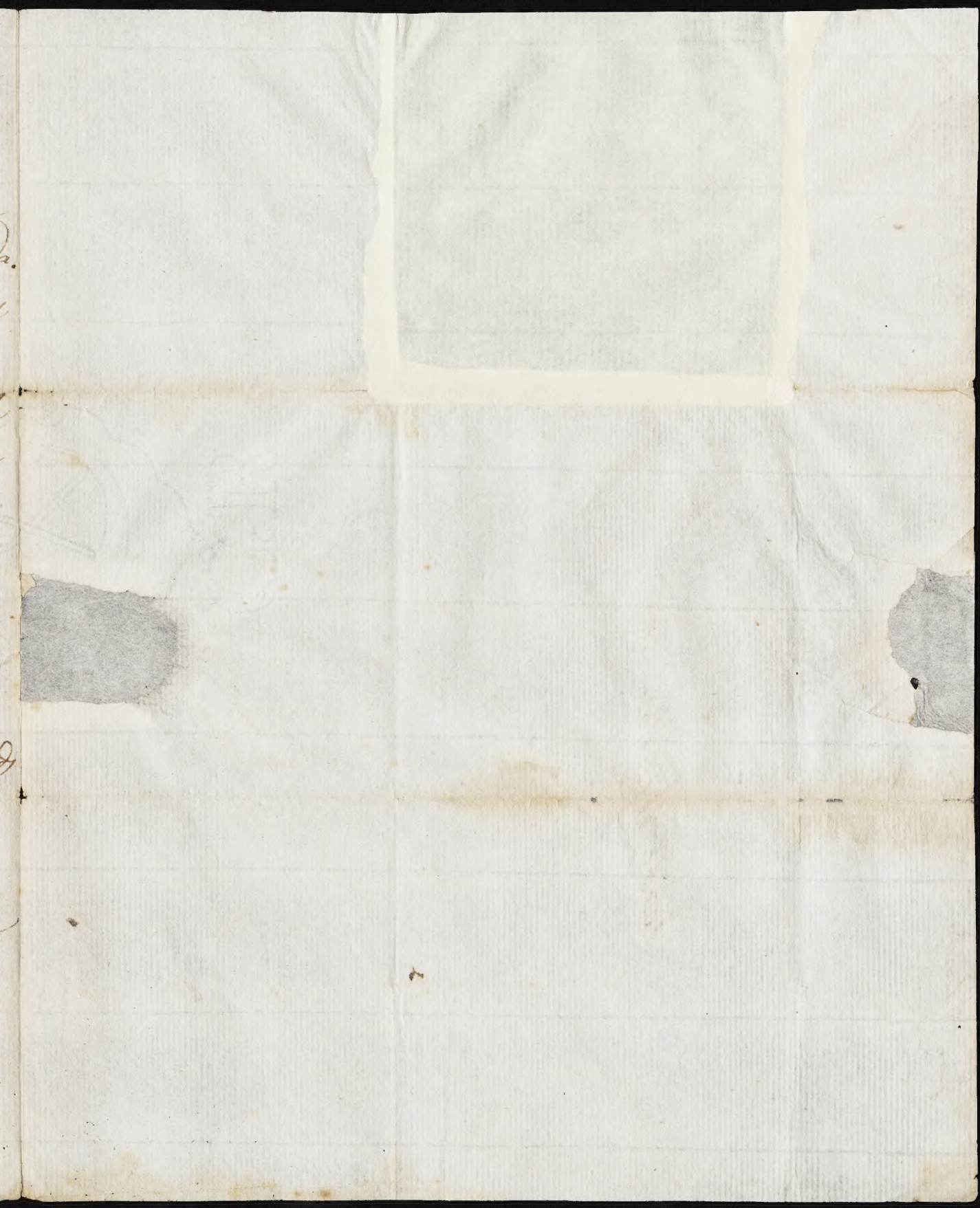
I have not at present to add but my  
best wishes for your health & comfort, my duty to Aunt  
Wimlow, love to your Children & compliments to all Friends.

I am very respectfully

Hon: Sir

Your Dutiful Son  
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